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Subject: Re: Craft-Turney WSC Update, Oct. 16, 2018
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No updates received from TCEQ since Oct. 12, on the Craft-Turney WSC situation, but there was a public meeting held last evening and I found the following article about it.

<https://www.easttexasmatters.com/news/local-news/craft-turney-customers-leave-meeting-with-unanswered-questions-about-tainted-water/1526766020>

As noted in the article, 11 homes near the lumber mill are still under the do not use order.
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On Oct 13, 2018, at 12:44 PM, Brown, Jamesr <brown.jamesr@epa.gov> wrote:

Background

On Oct. 3, the Craft-Turney Water Supply Corporation (WSC) notified the TCEQ of a backflow incident impacting a small portion of the system: 11 service connections. The TCEQ suspects a fungicide entered the water supply. The water utility has indicated that this portion of the system has been isolated from the distribution system. The **do not use order** was initially issued to customers of this portion of the distribution system, but was expanded to customers in the general vicinity of these connections as a precaution. Customers in the expanded area, (located in the same hydraulic pressure plane) can use water to flush their toilets but cannot use the water for any other purposes, such as bathing, washing clothes, preparing food, drinking, gardening, or for pets.

Since issuing the order, the TCEQ has been in continuous contact with the water utility's representatives to ensure public awareness of this situation and has initiated multiple measures, including sampling to determine the extent of potential impact in the water system. The TCEQ is coordinating with the water supply corporation, as well as other state partners and EPA Region 6. The water utility has been continuously flushing the system to remove any potential contaminants. TCEQ investigators and engineers are on the ground and working with the water supply corporation to address this issue. The TCEQ has an open investigation into this incident to determine the cause and source.

Update

The **do not use order** was lifted on October 12, 2018, for the **expanded area only based** sample results received today. The TCEQ collected samples from Craft Turney's public water supply distribution system on October 10, 2018 that were analyzed for methylene bis-thiocyanate by the EPA Houston Laboratory. The chemical was not detected in any of the samples, and previous sample

results for the expanded area indicated that the chlorothalonil was below detectable levels.

On October 11, 2018, the TCEQ also collected additional samples from the limited area of the system located nearest the source (the 11 connections) where results from samples collected on October 7, 2018, indicated that the chlorothalonil was still present. Preliminary results for these samples indicate the chlorothalonil is still present. Homeowners will be requested to conduct additional flushing of their homes, and the TCEQ will collect additional samples early next week. The **do not use order** for these 11 connections will remain in place.

Backflow prevention devices were installed on the meters at the lumbermill, and successfully tested today with TCEQ oversight. The Region has installed pressure recorders at two locations near the lumbermill to document any decreases in pressure due to the hydrant's use. The WSC is working on a more long-term solution.

The contractor hired by the TCEQ will begin demobilizing the trailer with 16 shower stalls currently at Central Baptist Church. However, the First United Methodist Church-Jacksonville at 1031 TX-456 Loop will continue to make its facilities available for bathing and washing dishes between the hours of [8 a.m.](#) and [7 p.m.](#)

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Attached is TCEQ's October 12, 2018 news release.

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